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SUBJ: ONCE POWERFUL PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY COMMISSION ABOLISHED AMIDST RUMORS DOUBLE STANDARDS.

- 1. PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY COMMISSION, WHICH ESTABLISHED WITH EXTRAORDINARY POWERS DECEMBER 1972 TO INVESTIGATE GRAFT, CORRUPTION, AND GENERAL MALFEASANCE IN CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WAS ABOLISHED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE FEBRUARY 15. COMMISSION ACTIVE AND MUCH FEARED IN MONTHS AFTER ITS CREATION, BOASTING INDICTMENTS AND PUNISHMENTS OF FORMER MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR PTT AS WELL AS MANY SMALLER GAME.
- 2. EDITORIAL IN WEEKLY CANARD DECHAINE CRITICIZES COMMISSION FOR INACTIVITY IN RECENT MONTHS, STATES THAT KNOWN MALEFACTORS LEFT UNPUNISHED, AND RECALLS INCREASING PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION WITH WHAT ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DOUBLE STANDARDS OF COMMISSION.
- 3. COMMENT: CONSIDERING THAT COMMISSION PRESIDENT WAS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT ABO NASSOUR WHO HAD SERVED SIX YEARS (1963-69) OF LIFE SENTENCE FOR EMBEZZLEMENT PUBLIC FUNDS AND PROBITY OF WHOSE EARLY CAREER HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE, HARDLY SURPRISING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT QUESTIONS MAY HAVE ARISEN AS PURITY OF COMMISSION. MORE

SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, IS REMOVAL ONE OF LAST VESTIGES PARLIA-
MENTARY POWER, PRESUMABLY FOR EVENTUAL TRANSFER TO MNRCS OR
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